

comprising topically administering to said subjects' oral cavity, a composition according to Claim 1.

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4. A method for treating and preventing oral cavity diseases in human and other animal subjects and thereby promoting whole body health in said human and other animal subjects according to Claim 2, wherein said composition is in a form selected from a mouthrinse, toothpaste, tooth gel, tooth powder, non-abrasive gel, chewing gum, mouth spray, lozenge, dental implement, and a pet care product.
5. A method for treating and preventing oral cavity diseases in human and other animal subjects and thereby promoting whole body health in said human and other animal subjects according to Claim 2, wherein said host-response modulating agent is a H-2 antagonist selected from the group consisting of cimetidine, etomidine, ranitidine, ICIA-5165, tiotidine, ORF-17578, lupitidine, donetidine, famotidine, roxatidine, pifatidine, lamitidine, BL-6548, BMY-25271, zaltidine, nizatidine, mifentidine, BMY-25368 (SKF-94482), BL-6341A, ICI-162846, ramixotidine, Wy-45727, SR-58042, BMY-25405, loxidine, DA-4634, bisfentidine, sufotidine, ebrotidine, HE-30-256, D-16637, FRG-8813, FRG-8701, impromidine, L-643728, HB-408, and mixtures thereof.
6. A method for treating and preventing oral cavity diseases in human and other animal subjects and thereby promoting whole body health in said human and other animal subjects according to Claim 2, wherein said host-response modulating agent is an anti-inflammatory agent selected from the group consisting of aspirin, ketorolac, flurbiprofen, ibuprofen, naproxen, indomethacin, aspirin, ketoprofen, piroxicam, meclofenamic acid, nordihydroguaiaretic acid, triclosan, and mixtures thereof.
7. A method for treating and preventing oral cavity diseases in human and other animal subjects and thereby promoting whole body health in said human and other animal subjects according to Claim 2, wherein said composition topically administered to said subjects comprises an additional therapeutic active selected from antimicrobial/antiplaque agents, biofilm inhibiting agents, antibiotics; analgesics and local anesthetic agents; dentinal desensitizing agents; odor masking agents; and mixtures thereof.
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REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirements, the above amendments are made to more clearly define the present invention by specifying that the present topical oral compositions and methods involve treatment and prevention of oral cavity diseases, and thereby promotion of whole